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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Stephane GETIN, et al.

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FOR: OBJECT SEPARATION DEVICE USING OPTICAL METHOD

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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SIR:

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of Allowability of the claimed invention. In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowance of November 24, 2008, Applicants respectfully submit the following comments.

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance on page 2 of the Notice of Allowance mailed November 24, 2008, the second paragraph states in part:

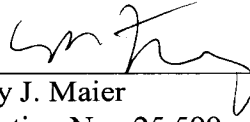
The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
The prior art does not disclose introducing a radiation in a wave guide, coupled to a second guide in a coupling area the radiation entraining all particles toward the coupling area and separating out the particles as they pass through the coupling means.

The above comment does not appear to be accurate with respect to independent Claims 16 and 27. Claim 16 recites "separating the particles as they pass into the coupling area" and not "separating out the particles as they pass through the coupling area." Claim 27 does not recite "entraining all particles toward a coupling area and separating out the

particles.” Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the above quoted statement does not apply to independent Claims 16 and 27 (and claims dependent therefrom).

Respectfully Submitted,

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